

Non Federal U.S. Coin issues deviating from the "Rule of 13 stars"

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The accompanying chart shows non federal U.S. coins and exonumia identified as having stars, but deviating from the "Rule of 13." explained in my previous article on federal issues. Also listed is the probable reason grouped by six different types, identified as A through F, somewhat modified for the non federal issues.

Type A: Number of states in the Union (or Confederacy) in the year the coins was struck.

Type B: A state's order in its ratification of the Constitution.

Type C: A state's order in joining the Union (or Confederacy) after the Constitution was ratified.

Type D: Number of states in the union at the start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1804. (not applicable here).

Type E: Probably artistic license.

Type F: Probably Mint error.

Several interesting questions arose on compiling this list. For example the J.S. Ormsby ten dollar territorial gold piece issued dateless in the "1849" gold rush era has 31 stars on the reverse. California entered the Union in 1850, indicating that the piece was struck actually in 1850 or afterwards. Pacific Company territorial gold dated 1849 has 30 stars, possibly indicating that the pieces were actually struck in that year. Also the LOW 58 HT 16 "Webster Credit Currency" hard times token dated 1841 has 27 stars on the reverse although Florida was not admitted as the 27th state until 1845. Was their an error in the star count, or could this "1841" token actually have been struck in 1845 or afterwards? Anyone with insight on these issues please contact me at jhm@ix.netcom.com.

<u>PRE FEDERAL</u>	<u>PRIVATE OR TERRITORIAL GOLD AND EXONUMIA</u>	<u>NON 13 STAR VARIETIES</u>		
<u>VARIETY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FACE STARS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
WASHINGTON	1791	REV 7	E	

CENT

GETZ PATTERN	1792	<u>REV</u>	15	A
WASHINGTON HALF				
GETZ PATTERN	1792	<u>REV</u>	6	E
WASHINGTON CENT				
WASHINGTON SUCCESS MEDAL	NO DATE	<u>REV</u>	15	A

PRIVATE OR TERRITORIAL GOLD

C. BECHTLER	NO	<u>OBV?</u>	1	E
\$1.00 N.C. 30 grains	DATE			
C. BECHTLER	NO	<u>OBV</u>	1	E
\$1.00 N.C. 28 grains	DATE	<u>REV</u>	1	E
C. BECHTLER	NO	OBV	1	E
\$5.00 NORTH CAROLINA	DATE	<u>REV</u>	1	E
150 grains 20 carats				
C. BECHTLER	NO	<u>OBV</u>	1	E
\$5.00 CAROLINA RUTHERFORD	DATE	<u>REV</u>	1	E
134 grains 21 carats with star				
C. BECHTLER				
\$5.00 CAROLINA RUTHERFORD				
140 grains 20 carats	8-1-1834	<u>REV</u>	1	E
C. BECHTLER	NO			
\$5.00 GA. RUTHERFORD	DATE	OBV	1	E
128 grains 22 carats		<u>REV</u>	1	E
A. BECHTLER	NO			
\$1.00 CAROLINA	DATE	<u>OBV?</u>	1	E
27 grains 21 carats				
A. BECHTLER	NO			
\$5.00 CAROLINA	DATE	<u>OBV?</u>	1	E
134 grains 21 carats				
A. BECHTLER	NO			
\$5.00 CAROLINA	DATE	<u>OBV?</u>	1	E
128 grains 22 carats				
Or 141 grains 20 carats				

Norris ,Gregg & Norris S.F. 1849 \$5.00	1849	OBV?	22	E	
Miners Bank S.F. 1849 \$10.00	NO DATE	REV?	2	E	
J.S. ORMSBY SACRAMENTO "1849" \$5.00	NO DATE	REV?	20	E	
J.S. ORMSBY SACRAMENTO "1849" \$10.00	NO DATE	REV?	31	A and C	CA IN UNION IN 1850 as 31st STATE
PACIFIC COMPANY S.F 1849 \$1.00	1849	REV	30	A	30 states in union in 1849
PACIFIC COMPANY S.F 1849 \$5.00	1849	REV	30	A	30 states in union in 1849
PACIFIC COMPANY S.F 1849 \$10.00	1849	REV	30	A	30 states in union in 1849
BALDWIN & CO. S.F. 1850 \$10.00	1850	REV	10	E	
OREGON EXCHANGE CO \$10.00	1849	OBV	7	E	
<u>CONFEDERATE</u>					
<u>HALF DOLLAR</u>	1861	REV	7	"A"	7 STATES IN ORIGINAL CONFEDERACY ?

HARD TIMES TOKENS

LOW 1 HT 1 ANDREW JACKSON	NO DATE	5	REV	E	
LOW 12 HT 25 A PLAIN SYSTEM	1834	2	REV	E	
LOW 58 HT 16 SHIP, STAR BORDER	"1841"	27	REV	F?	FL 27TH STATE ADMITTED IN 1845 OR TOKEN ACTUALLY STRUCK IN 1845 ?
LOW 162 HT 77 VAN BUREN	1840	26	OBV	A	26 states in union in 1840
LOW 183 HT 77A	1840	26	OBV	A	26 states in union in 1840

VAN BUREN

LOW 190 HT 78

NO

26

OBV

A

26 states in union in 1840

VAN BUREN

DATE